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Attention: Wayne Hedburg

Reference: Deer Kill At The Goldstrike Mine

Dear Mr. Hedburg:

This letter is written as follow-up to my phone conversation with you on July 18, 1990, concerning the deer kill at the Goldstrike Mine on July 14, 1990.

The deer (mule deer - doe) was discovered at approximately 8:30 a.m. near the toe of cell 2 (leach pad #1). Apparently the deer had been drinking solution as it was effacing the heap toe on top of the overliner material.

This is the Mine's first deer kill at the operation in over 1 1/2 years of solution operation. We remain concerned due to the severe drought in the East Fork Beaver Dam Wash area. Normally, with alternative water sources, deer have stayed away from the mine site and heavy equipment.

We have provided solution ditch covers and, although portions of the ditch covers were being repaired at the time of the incident, solutions puddle both near the heap toes and on top of the heaps. From what was observed, this apparently was the case with the incident.

Please advise me as to any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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